

The Positive Impact of

# Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) in Alabama

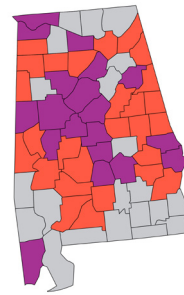


MIECHV provides federal funds to states, territories, and tribal entities for voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services. Home visitors meet with parents one on one from pregnancy through their child's kindergarten entry to help lay the foundation for the health, education, development, and economic self-sufficiency of the entire family. Visits by caring, experienced professionals who provide families support and connections to needed resources and services can help families leverage their strengths so they can thrive.

Since 2013, MIECHV has been level-funded at \$400 million annually and pre-pandemic estimates showed MIECHV reached only 3-5% of eligible families nationwide. As MIECHV is set to expire on September 30, 2022, reauthorization offers Congress the opportunity to provide additional investments that will enable home visiting programs to reach

more families. The National Home Visiting Coalition, of which FFYF is a member, recommends a five-year reauthorization that would increase funding by \$200 million annually (reaching \$1.4 billion in FY2027); doubling the MIECHV tribal set-aside from 3% to 6% to reach more families in American Indian and Alaska Native communities; and continuing to allow virtual home visiting implemented with model fidelity as a service delivery option for families who choose it.

## Alabama MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



- Rural:** Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Conecuh, Coosa, Cullman, Dallas, De Kalb, Franklin, Greene, Lamar, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Wilcox, Winston
- Urban:** Autauga, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chilton, Colbert, Hale, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lee, Lowndes, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Pickens, Russell, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, Walker

In FY21:

# \$6,678,553

was awarded to the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education<sup>1</sup>

Within Alabama, MIECHV provided/  
served:\*

# 1,854 families

# 22,636 home visits

# 2,094 children

Evidence-based models providing MIECHV-supported home visiting services in Alabama include:<sup>^</sup>



Parents as Teachers

# Alabama Performance Highlights:<sup>^</sup>



- ◆ **100%** of caregivers were asked if they had any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning in postpartum home visits
- ◆ **97.9%** of caregivers enrolled in home visiting were screened for intimate partner violence within 6 months of enrollment
- ◆ **Maternal Depression Education and Improved Access:**  
In partnership with HRSA-provided technical assistance, Alabama was able to educate and build capacity around maternal depression screenings and referrals. Introducing the Mothers and Babies curricula allowed parent educators to provide maternal depression services to caregivers during home visits

## Family Needs<sup>^</sup>

States tailor their programs to meet community needs, with priority given to certain populations listed in the law.

### In Alabama:

- ◆ **69.3%** of households were low income
- ◆ **12.9%** of households included a child with developmental delays or disabilities
- ◆ **11.4%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

## Alabama Families Receiving Home Visiting

### Race\*

- White (37%) ■ Black (57%) ■ Multiple (3%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (1%)
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (<1%)



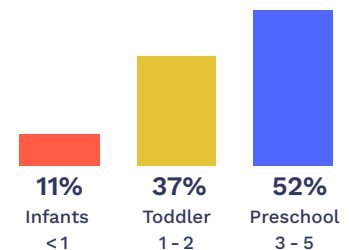
To protect confidentiality, race categories with less than 10 respondents have been omitted. Percentages may not add to 100%

### Ethnicity\*

**14%**

Hispanic or Latino

### Child's Age\*

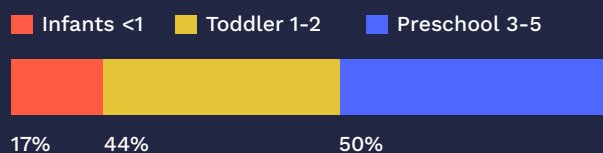


## Potential Beneficiaries:

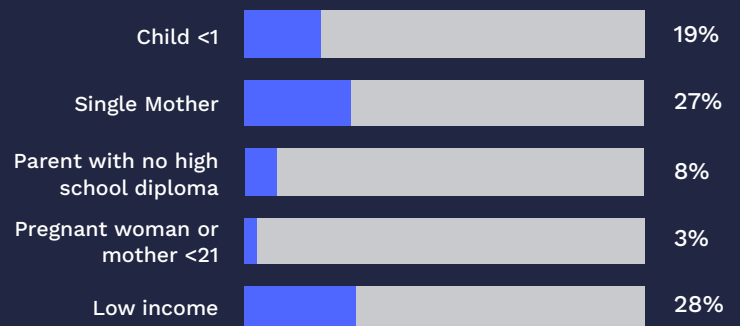
In Alabama, an estimated 262,000 families could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.

- ◆ **53%** of families met one or more priority criteria.
- ◆ **23%** of families met two or more priority criteria.

342,500 children could benefit from home visiting with sufficient funding.\*



The estimated percentage of families who could benefit in Alabama met the following priority criteria:\*



References: National Home Visiting Resource Center (NHVRC) 2021 Yearbook, MIECHV State Data Tables (FY2020) (\*), HRSA Home Visiting Program Fact Sheets (\*)